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Could this be a vehicle for authorizing American military personnel to go into Vietnam and in effect renew the hostilities with America as a leading contributor?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: We might have to hold this over. I would like to talk with Ellsworth Bunker about this first. I don't have any idea.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I would like to call for the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis what is your pleasure about closing argument. Question is the adoption of Senator Lewis' amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 12 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Move for the adoption of the resolution. I'll open and close by simply saying that it deals with a humanitarian aspect. I can't imagine any reason for opposing it but I guess there are some by Senator Chambers, but I don't think that they are valid.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I believe that my reasons are very valid and I'm being very serious here today. If a vote against this resolution, even to adopt the over simplification of Senator DeCamp's and say vote against this resolution is a vote for the Communist killing people, the last vote I think was consistent with the Legislatures attitude to pardon me, indulge me this one time. To hell with women and children. That is what that vote was. So, if you don't care about the women and children and this is a situation where the stron survive, then you are saying that whoever has a gun, whoever can get in a position to be evacuated like some of the wealthy vietnamese people who right now are in resort towns and have bought up all of the little boats that they can so that they can put themselves in an advantageous position when Saigon falls. They are waiting to milk the last drop of milk from this dying cow to get the last bit of personal gain out of this dying little country before they take off and run. Now the Resolution is saying that America which has a reputation throughout the world as an exploiter and supporter of the fat cat philosophy is going to make away for these welathy people who have exploited this country and the people all of this time to get the protection of the United States military forces as a private security guard to deliver to them and their ill gotten wealth to this country and perhaps funnel it into a Swiss bank to one of the islands in the Caribbean and that is what this resolution is about. I'm very serious, my reasons for objecting are very valid. I do not think that the resolution ought to be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.